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SUBJECT:W/W: THOMAS ARTHUR GROVE

,
REF: A) KATHMANDU 3690, PARA 4; B) STATE 139537, PARA 3;
C) STATE 188217

1. DEPARTMENT CALLED REV. GROVE CONCERNING APPARENT DISCREPANCY IN AMOUNTS OF OUTSTANDING TRAVELERS CHECKS, PER REQUEST IN REFTEL, A) PARA 4. REV. GROVE STATES THAT THERE WERE EVIDENTLY TWO GROUPS OF TRAVELERS CHECKS. FOR ONE GROUP, NUMBERS HAD BEEN FURNISHED BY TOM GROVE TO FAMILY, AND THE OUTSTANDING ONES IN THIS GROUP WERE CORRECTLY REPORTED IN STATE 139537, PARA 3, AND TOTALED A LITTLE OVER DOLS 800 (EIGHT HUNDRED) AS INDICATED.

2. KNOWLEDGE OF SECOND GROUP OF CHECKSCAMETO REV. GROVE THROUGH REPORT BY JIM HICKS. NO NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS GROUP, AND THE AMOUNT OF DOLS 2,000 (TWO THOUSAND) WHICH REV. GROVE MENTIONED IN HIS LETTER OF JULY 29 TO THE EMBASSY IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE.

3. DURING THE CALL, REV. GROVE AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS OF TOM IN NEPAL, AND WHETHER ANY
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CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE WITH THEM. HE REPEATED INFORMATION

ALREADY CONTAINED IN REFTTEL C, PARA 4, ABOUT PAUL WHELAN,
6 GOFFA MILL, GARGRAVE NEAR SKIPTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE, BD

233 NG; AND JAY KNOWLES, 231 EDWIN ROAD, RAINHAM,
GILLINGHAM, KENT; BOTH ENGLAND. HE PROVIDED ANOTHER NAME
SUPPLIED HIM BY CLIFFS ROBE RIVER IRON ASSOCIATES
IN AUSTRALIA, OF AN ACQUAINTANCE WHO TRAVELED WITH OM
TO NEPAL: T.H. JONES, 23 NORTHVIEW NE, 287 NF, WALLSEND,
TYNE AND WARE, UK. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED REV. GROVE ALSO
PURSUE THROUGH DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS
ANY MATTERS WHICH HE WANTED TO RAISE, AS EMBASSY UNABLE TO
ACT IN DIRECT INVESTIGATION CAPACITY. POST MAY WISH TO
ENSURE ALL NAMES ARE AVAILABLE TO POLICE HOWEVER. KISSINGER

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